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conflicts having been identified, Mr. Klitgaard accepted the assignment and the parties agreed. The parties and Mr. Klitgaard therefore submit the following Proposed Order of Reference:

[PROPOSED] ORDER OF REFERENCE

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 53, the Court appoints Thomas J. Klitgaard, Esq. as the special master to determine a reasonable amount of attorney's fees and costs to award to Defendants, including any fees on fees, in accordance with the Judgment and the Court's June 19, 2008 Order Re Motion for Attorney's Fees and Costs. The special master shall have all the powers set forth in Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(c) and 54(d)(2)(D).

The special master will review the briefs and declarations filed by the parties related to Defendants' pending Application for Reasonable Attorney's Fees and Costs and hear argument as needed. There will be no replies unless allowed by the special master and any further submissions for the special master's use should not be filed with the Court. The special master shall also determine the extent to which any discovery should be permitted. The special master shall complete his determination and file a report on the recommended findings and amount by October 2, 2008.

If objections are made to the special master's report, the objecting party must file a declaration submitting to the Court a complete appendix of relevant communications with the special master.

The Court will allocate the fees of the special master in a fair and reasonable manner, taking into account the reasonableness of the parties' respective positions and the special master's recommendation in this regard. If the movant must pay, then the special master's compensation shall be deducted from the attorney's fee award. If the opposing party must pay the special master, then it shall pay the special master and pay the award. The Court will, however, reserve final judgment on allocation of the expense of the special master until a final determination of the fee issue.

Costs will be determined in strict compliance with the local rules, and if a review is sought regarding taxable costs, then the issue will also be referred to Mr. Klitgaard.



HON. WILLIAM H. ALSUP United States District Judge

August 27, 2008

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